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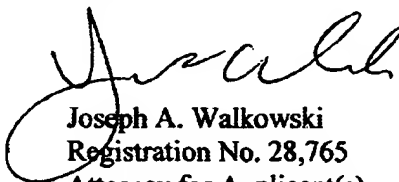
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TITLE OF INVENTION: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR APPLYING ADHESIVES TO A LEAD FRAME

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In the Office Action dated October 15, 2002, the Examiner noted claims 34-65 were allowable and claims 5-8 and 10-33 would be allowable is rewritten in independent form. The Examiner stated:

The prior art of record, Moden (US 5,733,800), teaches the claimed method as recited in claims 1-4 and 9 as stated above, but at least neither teaches nor suggests: (1) biasing the semiconductor component downward proximate the

viscous material in the viscous material pool; (2) providing one of a hydraulic biasing mechanism, pneumatic biasing mechanism, and electrically powered biasing mechanism configured to place the one semiconductor component proximate the viscous material; (3) raising the viscous material pool upward proximate the semiconductor component; (4) leveling the exposed surface of the viscous material prior to wetting a specific location of the semiconductor component; and (5) exposing the exposed surface of the viscous material, the exposed surface of the viscous material having a height that extends above the height of the at least one peripheral edge.

Applicants disagree with the statement that the Moden reference (US 5,733,800) teaches the claimed method as recited in claims 1-4 and 9. Applicants refer to the statements expressed during prosecution of the application herein and the subsequent allowability of claims 1-4 and 9.

Applicants concur with the remaining reasons as stated by the Examiner insofar as they comprise a summary, and are exemplary and not limiting. Each of the independent claims include additional features and elements that are not addressed in the statement of reasons for allowance. Each of the dependent claims include further elements and features not addressed by the Examiner. Accordingly, the scope of the claims must be determined from each as a whole and equivalents therefrom. Furthermore, applicants have noted additional reasons for allowability during the prosecution of the application herein.

In the Notice of Allowability, the Examiner stated:

The prior art of record, Moden to US 5,733,800, in Figs. 2A-2B teaches a method for applying viscous material to at least one semiconductor component, the method comprising:

- providing a pool 36 (i.e. sprue) containing heated resin material 30, the heated resin material pool 36 shaped such that an exposed surface of the heated resin material 30 is located in a precise location (i.e. the bottom 38 of the pool 36) and including at least one upward facing opening (i.e. the opening facing a plunger 32), the at least upward facing opening exposing at least the exposed surface of the heated resin material 30 (Fig. 2A);
- melting the heated resin material 30 by forcing the plunger 32 downward to the pool 36 form a viscous resin material 30 (Fig. 2B); and

- forcing the viscous resin material 30 flowing through the bottom 38 of the pool 36 and into the cavity 44 of one semiconductor component 100.

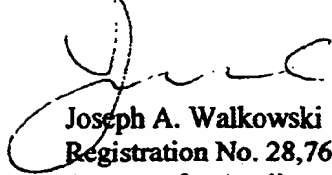
In contrast, the prior art of record at least neither teaches nor suggests: (1) aligning at least one semiconductor component over the viscous material pool; (2) wetting a specific location of the at least one semiconductor component with the viscous material; (1) biasing the semiconductor component downward proximate the viscous material in the viscous material pool; (2) providing one of a hydraulic biasing mechanism, pneumatic biasing mechanism, and electrically powered biasing mechanism configured to place the one semiconductor component proximate the viscous material; (3) raising the viscous material pool upward proximate the semiconductor component; (4) leveling the exposed surface of the viscous material prior to wetting a specific location of the semiconductor component; and (5) exposing the exposed surface of the viscous material, the exposed surface of the viscous material having a height that extends above the height of the at least one peripheral edge.

Therefore, the claimed invention is neither anticipated nor rendered obvious over the prior art of record.

With respect to the Examiner's characterization of Moden (U.S. 5,733,800), applicants refer to the arguments and statements made during prosecution of the application herein. Applicants agree with the Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance in so far as the reasons are exemplary and not comprehensive. Each of the independent claims include additional features and elements that are not addressed in the statement of reasons for allowance. Each of the dependent claims include further elements and features not addressed by the Examiner. Accordingly, the scope of the claims must be determined from each as a whole and equivalents therefrom. Furthermore, applicants have noted additional reasons for allowability during the prosecution of the application herein.

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